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Your file *Votre référence*
04YN076

Our file *Notre référence*
NU-04-0091

Ms. Gladys Joudrey
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Dear Ms. Joudrey:

Subject: Proposed works or undertakings are not in or near fish habitat.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) received the proposal from Dr. George Sofko on June 1, 2004, concerning the construction of the PolarDARN radar for Rankin Inlet. To expedite future correspondence or inquiries, please refer to the following referral title and file number when you contact us.

Habitat File No.: **NU-04-0091**
Referral Title: **Research, PolarDARN Radar for Rankin Inlet**

It is our understanding that your proposal consists of:

- *Construction and operation of a small, unmanned radar station to study high altitude weather systems*
- *The site infrastructure will be removed from the site after the 5 to 10 year life of the station.*
- *Construction of a small road access where no water crossings are required.*

as outlined in the following plans:

- *Application to the Nunavut Research Institute signed by Dr. George Sofko and dated February 16, 2004.*

If the above plans have changed at all, the advice in this letter may no longer apply and we should be consulted to determine if further review is needed.

We have found that the proposed works are not in or near fish habitat and will not likely effect fish or fish habitat. No further review pursuant to the habitat protection provisions of the *Fisheries Act* is needed.

Please note that this letter of advice does not release the proponent from the responsibility to obtain any other federal (for example, the *Navigable Waters Protection Act*), provincial or municipal approvals. If there are any questions concerning the above, or if my understanding of the proposal is either incorrect, incomplete, or if there are changes, please contact me directly by telephone at 867-979-8007, or by fax at 867-979-8039.

Yours sincerely,

Original Signed By:

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c.c.: Dr. George Sofko, Principal Investigator
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